14 Sri S. Swayamprakasam.

15 ,, M. Narayana Kurup."

The Motion was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER: Under Rule 98 (1) of the Assembly Rules I nominate Sri M. A. Manickavelu as Chairman of the Select Committee.

V.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

MOTION UNDER RULE 21 (3) OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *re* CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, I move—

"That under Rule 21 (3) of the Madras Assembly Rules the order of business as set in the Agenda for 16th August 1956, be revised, and item Nos. 2 and 3 under Government Bills, viz., the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge) Amendment Bill, 1956 and Madras Land Revenue (Additional Surcharge) Amendment Bill, 1956 be taken up before item No. 1, viz., the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Amendment Bill, 1956."

MR. SPEAKER: The question is—

"That under Rule 21 (3) of the Madras Assembly Rules the order of business as set in the Agenda for 16th August 1956, be revised, and item Nos. 2 and 3 under Government Bills, viz., the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge) Amendment Bill, 1956 and Madras Land Revenue (Additional Surcharge) Amendment Bill, 1956 be taken up before item No. 1, viz., the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Amendment Bill, 1956."

The Motion was put and carried.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS—*cont.*

(2) THE MADRAS LAND REVENUE (SURCHARGE) AMENDMENT BILL, 1956.

12-20 p.m. * THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to introduce the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge) Amendment Bill[a], 1956 and move—

"That the Bill be taken into consideration at once."

Under section 3 of the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge) Act, 1954, every person paying a land revenue assessment of over Rs. 500 in a fasli will have to pay the Government in respect of any land held by him for that fasli surcharge at the rates mentioned in that section. As ground rent is Public revenue due on land, it comes under the definition of land revenue in Section 2 of the Act and therefore surcharge under the Act is leviable on ground-rents also.

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